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	Examiner D. S. Nakarani	Art Unit 1773	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 22-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peiffer et al (U.S. Patent 5,573,717) in view of Shiga et al (U.S. Patent 4,355,144), Reid (U.S. Patent 4,692,380) and McAlpin et al (U.S. Patent 5,468,440).

Peiffer et al disclose oriented polypropylene film wherein the film can be a single layer film or a multilayer film. The film comprises voided layer made of (1) 70 to 99 % by weight propylene polymer containing 90 to 100 % by weight propylene and 10% by weight or less ethylene and (2) 1 to 30% by weight amorphous polymer. The amorphous polymer such as atactic polystyrene, poly alpha methyl styrene, polycyclic olefin, natural and synthetic resin etc (col. 4 line 28 to col. 6, line 25). Peiffer et al also disclose biaxial stretching (Example 1). Peiffer et al disclose surface treatment by flame, corona (col. 11, lines 5-10) Peiffer et al disclose that voided layer or film can be an interlayer, a core layer or a top layer in the multilayer film (col. 3 line 59 to col. 4 line 16). Peiffer et al fail to disclose isotactic polypropylene-ethylene random polymer having ethylene content up to 1 % by weight, metallizing film and preparation of propylene-ethylene random copolymer using metallocene catalyst.

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Shiga et al disclose propylene-ethylene random copolymer having ethylene content of 0.1 to 1.0 wt % for improving stretchability without sacrificing Young's modulus and other mechanical properties (abstract, and col. 1 lines 59-68).

Reid discloses a polypropylene film metallized after surface treatment with corona (col. 2 line 54-68).

McAlpin et al teach isotactic propylene-ethylene random copolymer made by metallocene catalyst resulting in a polymer having a comparable shear modulus and heat distortion temperature values comparable to conventional propylene polymers but fabrication of article is achieved at much lower temperature than for conventional polypropylene (Abstract, col. 2 lines 25-65).

Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of this invention made to utilize disclosure of Shiga et al, Reid and McAlpin et al in the invention of Peiffer et al to produce single or multilayer voided film with a polymer having good stretchability as taught by Shiga et al with lower temperature fabricability as taught by McAlpin et al and to metallize film as taught by Reid.

No claims are allowed.

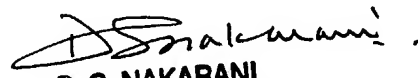
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. S. NAKARANI whose telephone number is (571) 272-1512. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul J. Thibodeau can be reached on (571) 272-1516. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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D. S. Nakarani/af
May 4, 2004


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PRIMARY EXAMINER